

#EO 1818

**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD  
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS**

**FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN DOCKET NO. AB 33 (Sub No. 300X) and  
AB 414 (Sub No. 6X)

January 5, 2012

**ABANDONMENT TYPE**

The time for comments on the Environmental Assessment (EA) has expired in this:

( ) Notice of Exemption (X) Petition for Exemption ( ) Regulated Abandonment

(X) NO NEW COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED

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OEA served an Environmental Assessment (EA) for this proceeding on December 2, 2011, for public review and comment. In the EA, OEA recommended 1 environmental condition.

**Conclusions**

The EA comment period has ended. Accordingly, OEA recommends that the following environmental condition previously recommended in the EA should be imposed upon any decision granting abandonment authority. The condition is:

**Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) and Iowa Interstate Railroad, Ltd. (IAIS), shall retain their interest in and take no steps to alter the historic integrity of all historic properties including sites, buildings, structures, and objects within the project right-of-way (the Area of Potential Effect) that are eligible for listing or listed in the National Register of Historic Places until the Section 106 process of the National Historic Preservation Act, 16 U.S.C. § 470f, has been completed. UP and IAIS shall report back to the Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) regarding any consultations with the SHPO and the public. UP and IAIS may not file its consummation notice or initiate any salvage activities related to abandonment (including removal of tracks and ties) until the Section 106 process has been completed and the Board has removed this condition.**

If the single environmental condition is imposed, OEA believes that the proposed action will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

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